

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of
financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

Over the history of TV and movies, there have been many characters that have imparted wisdom to the other characters in the story being told. *Star Wars* saw Yoda as the font of wisdom, guiding young Luke Skywalker to a sense of understanding that would help him to become a Jedi. But before there was a Yoda or anything like that, there was an even more off-beat, quirky-as-anything wanna-be philosopher on TV. Who was this Socrates of the 60s of whom I speak? Well, I would posit that the most philosophical of all TV characters was probably Dobie Gillis from the 1959-1963 TV series, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis." On a weekly basis, the show would begin with Dobie Gillis, a high school teenager, posing in front of a statue of Rodin's "The Thinker." Breaking the fourth wall, young Dobie Gillis would look at the audience and ponder and philosophize over a specific situation that he was facing in life. It was often introspective, sometime quirky, but always funny.

On the topic of imparting wisdom, many of our Saint perform the role of both Yoda and Dobie Gillis for us, though, they do it within the context of faith, rather than that of comedy or entertainment. I want to spend this column identifying some beautiful reflections written by some of the saints whose feast day fall during the Season of Lent. There wisdom is always welcome, quite timeless and very spiritually nourishing. And so, though not posing in front of a statue of "The Thinker," I give you the wisdom of the saints:

St. Francis of Paolo, Hermit (April 2) – on forgiving fully: "Pardon one another so that later on you will not remember the injury. The recollection of an injury is itself wrong. It adds to our anger, nurtures our sin and hates what is good. It is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul. It puts all virtue to flight. It is like a worm in the mind: it confuses our speech and tears to shreds our petitions to God. It is foreign to charity: it remains planted in the soul like a nail. It is

wickedness that never sleeps, sin that never fails. It is indeed a daily death."

St. Isidore, Bishop of Doctor of the Church (April 4) – on God's Grace and human intellect: "The man who is slow to grasp things but who really tries hard is rewarded; equally he who does not cultivate his God-given intellectual ability is condemned for despising his gifts and sinning by sloth. Learning unsupported by grace may get into our ears; it never reaches the heart. It makes a great noise outside but serves no inner purpose. But when God's grace touches our innermost minds to bring understanding, his word, which has been received by the ear, sinks deep into the heart."

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest (April 5) – on charity: "Finally, if you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire."

St. John Baptiste de la Salle (April 7) – to Catholic educators: "Be driven by the love of God then, because Jesus Christ died for all, that those who live may not live for themselves but for him who died and rose for them. Let your students be moved by your untiring care for them and feel as though God were encouraging them through you, because you perform your duties as ambassadors of Christ. Above all, let your charity and zeal show how you love the Church. Your work is for the Church, which is the body of Christ. By your diligence show your love for those whom God has given you, just as Christ loved the Church."

St. Martin I, Pope (April 13) – On Living Faithful as Christians: "Christians who are known to live in the area have taken on pagan ways, showing none of that charity which human beings, even barbarians, regularly display in numerous compassionate deeds... [G]od wishes all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth through the prayers of Peter."

Hence, I pray that God will strengthen their hearts in the orthodox faith, help them to stand firm against every heretic and enemy of the church, and guard them unshaken... that none may fall or go astray or renounce anything, however trifling, which they professed in writing in the sight of the Lord and his holy angels. In this way, together with me in my humiliation, they will receive the crown of justice in the true faith from the hand of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (April 21) – A prayer for awareness of God: "O supreme and inaccessible light, O complete and blessed truth, how far you are from me, even though I am so near to you! How remote you are from my sight, even though I am present to yours! You are everywhere in your entirety, and yet I do not see you; in you I move and have my being, and yet I cannot approach you; you are within me and around me, and yet I do not perceive you. O God, let me know you and love you so that I may find my joy in you; and if I cannot do so fully in this life, let me at least make some progress every day, until at last that knowledge, love and joy come to me in all their plenitude. While I am here on earth let me learn to know you better, so that in heaven I may know you fully; let my love for you grow deeper here, so that there I may love you fully. On earth then I shall have great joy in hope, and in heaven complete joy in the fulfilment of my hope."

These pearls of Wisdom are taken from the writings of the saints; saints who called us to serve God with fervor, with truth and with fidelity. As we draw close to the Lord during this season of Lent, let these admonitions remind of the ways and manners in which are blessed to be able to draw near. I wish you continued spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Lentini

Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, April 7

8:30 Charles Beck

11:00 Francis Messner

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, April 11

7pm Misa For the People

Sunday, April 14

8:30 Charles Beck

11:00 Michael Maroni

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3642.50

Supplementary: \$ 324.00

Second Collection Today: Supplementary

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated

Join our Parish Family....Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office.



BREAKFAST:

TODAY in the Hall at 9am!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT



Servers, Ministers, and Lectors are needed for Holy Week. Please consider volunteering your service for this Holy Season. Please call the office to Schedule.

Altar Servers

April 14

8:30am Mass – Mikey Dixon, Averil Locke

11am Mass – Sherlin Santizo, William Meyer

Spanish Misa 1pm – Jessica Perez Ortiz, Darly Ortega

Lectors

April 14

8:30am Mass – Theresa Thompson

11am Mass – *Laura Schlaupitz*

Spanish Misa 1pm – Levin Ramírez, Dalia García

Eucharistic Ministers

April 14

8:30am Mass – Alan & Diane Smith

11am Mass – Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Spanish Misa 1pm – Verónica Bravo., Epifanio Morales, Alberto Morales, Adrián Miranda, Dolores Cuin

Collection Counters

Apr 7 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Apr 14 Tom & Mary McGowan

Apr 21 Elisa & Tom Costello

Church Cleaning Crew

Abril 12, 2019 Grupo # 4

Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Alfonso Perez, Oscar Roblero, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz

Abril 19, 2019 Grupo #5

Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, Egidio Macario, Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez



**5th Sunday of Lent:
ENCOUNTER ONA**

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world?

How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Apr 7 9:40am SRE Classes in Classroom

Sun, Apr 7 9am KNIGHTS BREAKFAST in Hall

Sun, Apr 7 Noon – Confirmation Retreat in Hall

Sun, Apr 7 2:30pm – RICA in CC

Mon, Apr 8 7:00pm – Penance Service Holy Cross

Tues, Apr 9 1pm Exercise class in hall

Tues, Apr 9 7pm Juan XXIII

Wed, Apr 10 Rehearsal Pilgrimage in Hall

Wed, Apr 10 7pm Reunion Directiva Basement

Thur, Apr 11 1pm Exercise class in hall

Fri, Apr 12 6pm – Lenten Presentation Fr. Lentini -Hall

Fri, Apr 12 7pm – Stations of the Cross

Fri, Apr 12 8pm – Rehearsal walking stations-Hall

Sat, Apr 13 Diocesan Pilgrimage - Wilmington

Sat, Apr 13 10am Happy Helpers in Hall



**Join us on our journey
to the Risen Lord!**

Penance Service: April 8, 7pm at Holy Cross

Lenten talk: Friday, April 12th at 6pm in the hall "33 Witnesses to the Passion, Death and Resurrection"- Father Lentini

Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 12th at 7pm in the Church

Diocesan Pilgrimage, April 13th Wilmington

Palm Sunday Masses: 8:30, 11:00, 1pm

Chrism Mass: April 15th, 6pm at Holy Cross

Living Stations of the Cross: Tuesday, April 16 at 7pm in the Hall

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper- April 18, 7pm Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm – Hall

Good Friday: Walking Stations 12 noon
Veneration of the Cross 3pm

Meditation of the Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday: April 21- 8:30am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12 noon Misa (Spanish)

Knights of Columbus



Next meeting Tues, April 9,

7pm Meeting in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact

Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or

kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @

Knights of Columbus Council 12509

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
9:40am-10:50am



Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year are ready. Please register your children now to secure a spot for your children. We are taking registrations now and need to secure teachers and know class size.



Sacramental Prep:

Confirmation Retreat: today, Sunday, April 7, attending 11am Mass, followed by retreat in Hall, 12noon-5pm.

Pilgrimage: Next Saturday, April 13. Registration closing at 12noon today, Sunday, April 7th.



NEEDED: TEACHERS! APPLY HERE FOR NEXT YEAR! Share your gifts and get the rewards in heaven.

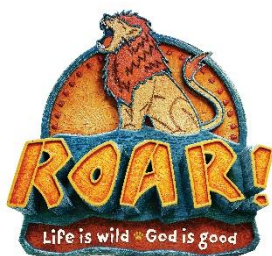
We will need teachers for religious education on Sunday mornings from September to May.

Please take the time during Lent this year in prayer and discernment on serving the young people and families of our Parish.

If you see this, and are wondering "is this me?", inquire.

Vacation Bible School – August 5-9, 2019

Yes, the planning is underway! If you are interested in helping out this year, please inquire with Alicia Poppiti or Meg Haass. Thank you



Adult Faith Formation:

Father Lentini will be offering a talk "33 Witnesses to the Passion, Death and Resurrection"

On Friday, April 12, @6pm in the Parish Hall. You may conclude your evening with Stations of the Cross to follow.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme: Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.

Question for Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Question for Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Question for Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

5º domingo de Cuaresma

Tema: El amor y el perdón de Jesús ofrecen una verdadera libertad.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo nos ayuda el sacramento de la Reconciliación a sentir el perdón de Dios?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿A quién de tu familia y tus amigos necesitas perdonar para que puedas enmendar una relación rota y experimentar la renovación?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Contra quién tienen prejuicios? ¿Quién creen que es un mayor pecador en comparación con ustedes?



Pilgrimage: Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the tenth annual Pilgrimage on

Saturday, April 13, 2019. Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Ben Walther at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. **Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti, a bus will provide transportation for an additional \$10 per person, and you must be registered to attend and to ride bus.**

Deadline for registration is Today, April 7th at 12 noon

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 7 DE ABRIL, 2019.

Queridos feligreses,

A lo largo de la historia de la televisión y de las películas, ha habido muchos personajes que han impartido sabiduría a los otros personajes en la historia que se cuenta. Star Wars vio a Yoda como la fuente de la sabiduría, guiando al joven Luke Skywalker a un sentido de comprensión que lo ayudaría a convertirse en un Jedi. Pero antes de que existiera un Yoda o algo por el estilo, había un filósofo aún más fuera de lo común, peculiar como cualquier cosa en la televisión. ¿Quién es este Sócrates de los años 60 de quien hablo? Bueno, yo diría que el más filosófico de todos los personajes de televisión fue probablemente Dobie Gillis de la serie de televisión de 1959-1963, "Los muchos Amores de Dobie Gillis". Semanalmente, el programa comenzaría con Dobie Gillis, un adolescente de una escuela secundaria, posando frente a una estatua del "Pensador" de Rodin. El joven Dobie Gillis miraba a la audiencia y reflexionaba y filosofaba sobre una situación específica que enfrentaba en la vida. A menudo era introspectivo, a veces peculiar, pero siempre divertido.

En el tema de impartir sabiduría, muchos de nuestros santos desempeñan el papel de Yoda y Dobie Gillis para nosotros, sin embargo, lo hacen dentro del contexto de la fe, en lugar de la comedia o el entretenimiento. Quiero dedicar esta columna para identificar algunas hermosas reflexiones escritas por algunos de los santos cuyo día festivo cae durante el Tiempo de Cuaresma. Su sabiduría siempre es bienvenida, bastante apropiado al tiempo y muy espiritualmente nutritiva. Y así, aunque no posando frente a una estatua de "El pensador", te doy la sabiduría de los santos:

San Francisco de Paolo, Ermitaño (2 de abril) - perdonando por completo: "Perdonen el uno al otro para que luego no se acuerden de la lesión. El recuerdo de una lesión es en sí es depravado. Se suma a nuestra ira, nutre nuestro pecado y odia lo que es bueno. Es una flecha oxidada y veneno para el alma. Pone toda la virtud a volar. Es como un gusano en la mente: confunde nuestro hablar y las lágrimas destruye nuestras peticiones a Dios. Es ajeno a la caridad: permanece plantado en el alma como un clavo. Es la maldad que nunca duerme, el pecado que nunca falla. De hecho es una muerte diaria".

San Isidoro, Obispo del Doctor de la Iglesia (4 de abril) - sobre la Gracia de Dios y el intelecto humano: "El hombre que es lento en comprender las cosas pero que realmente se esfuerza es recompensado; igualmente el que no cultiva su capacidad intelectual dada por Dios es condenado por despreciar sus dones y peca por pereza. Aprender sin el apoyo de la gracia puede llegar a nuestros oídos; nunca llega al corazón. Hace un gran ruido fuera pero no sirve para ningún propósito interno. Pero cuando la gracia de Dios toca nuestras mentes más profundas para traer comprensión, su palabra, que ha sido recibida por el oído, se hunde profundamente en el corazón".

San Vicente Ferrer, sacerdote (5 de abril) - sobre la caridad: "Finalmente, si realmente quieres ayudar al alma de tu prójimo, debes acercarte a Dios primero con todo tu corazón. Pídele simplemente que te llene de caridad, la más grande de todas las virtudes; Con él podrás lograr lo que deseas".

San Juan Bautista de la Sala (7 de abril) - a los educadores católicos: "Déjate llevar por el amor de Dios en ese momento, porque Jesucristo murió por todos, para que aquellos que viven no puedan vivir para sí mismos, sino para el que murió y resucitó por ellos. Deje que tus estudiantes se sientan conmovidos por tu cuidado incansable y sienta como si Dios los estuviera alentando a través de ti, porque cumple tus deberes como embajador de Cristo. Sobre todo, deja que tu caridad y tu celo muestren cómo amas a la Iglesia. Tu trabajo es para la Iglesia, que es el cuerpo de Cristo. Con tu diligencia demuestra tu amor por aquellos que Dios te ha dado, así como Cristo amó a la Iglesia".

San Martín I, Papa (13 de abril) - Viviendo fieles como cristianos: "Los cristianos que se sabe que viven en el área han tomado formas paganas, sin mostrar nada de esa caridad que los seres humanos, incluso los bárbaros, exhiben regularmente en numerosos amigos compasivos, de hecho ...Dios desea que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen a conocer la verdad a través de las oraciones de Pedro. Por lo tanto, oro para que Dios fortalezca sus corazones en la fe íntegra, los ayude a mantenerse firmes contra todos los herejes y enemigos de la iglesia, y los proteja sin flaquezas, para que nadie pueda caer o extraviarse o renunciar a nada, por insignificante que sea, que profesaron por escrito a los ojos del Señor y sus santos ángeles. De esta manera, junto conmigo en mi humillación, recibirán la corona de justicia en la verdadera fe de la mano de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo".

San Anselmo, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia (21 de abril) - Una oración para estar conscientes de Dios: "Oh, luz suprema e inaccesible, oh verdad completa y bendita, cuán lejos estás de mí, aunque esté tan cerca de ti"! ¡Qué remota eres de mi vista, aunque estoy presente a la tuya! Estás en todas partes en tu totalidad y, sin embargo, no te veo; en ti me muevo y tengo mi ser, y sin embargo no puedo acercarme a ti; estás dentro de mí y alrededor de mí, y sin embargo no te percibo. Oh Dios, déjame conocerte y amarte para que pueda encontrar mi gozo en ti; y si no puedo hacerlo plenamente en esta vida, al menos permítame progresar cada día, hasta que al fin ese conocimiento, amor y alegría me lleguen en toda su plenitud. Mientras estoy aquí en la tierra, déjame aprender a conocerte mejor, para que en el cielo te conozca completamente; deja que mi amor por ti se haga más profundo aquí, para que así pueda amarte plenamente. En la tierra entonces tendré gran gozo en la esperanza, y en el cielo gozo completo en el cumplimiento de mi esperanza".

Estas perlas de la sabiduría están tomadas de los escritos de los santos; Santos que nos llaman a servir a Dios con fervor, verdad y fidelidad. A medida que nos acercamos al Señor durante este Tiempo de Cuaresma, permitamos que estas admoniciones recuerden las maneras y formas en que los bendecidos puedan acercarse. Les deseo un continuo crecimiento espiritual durante este Tiempo de Cuaresma.

Tuyo en Cristo
Padre James Lentini
Párroco